UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Hon, Dennis M. Cavanaugh

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Crim No. 08-700

GREGORY MELENDEZ

ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Andrew Carey, Assistant U.S. Attorney) and defendant Gregory Melendez (by Anthony Iacullo, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from July 17, 2010 through September 17, 2010, to allow the parties to conduct plea negotiations and attempt to finalize a plea agreement, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have this matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court and that a continuance shall serve to delay a trial in this matter, and the defendant having consented to the continuance and waived such right, for good cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- (1) Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render a trial of this matter unnecessary;
 - (2) Defendant consents to the continuance; and

(3) Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, IT IS on this Oday of July, 2010,

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from July 17, 2010 through September 17, 2010, defense motions, if any, are to be filed by September 17, 2010, opposition to defense motions are to be filed by October 1, 2010, motions shall be heard on a date to be determined by the Court and the trial shall be scheduled for a date to be determined by the Court absent any other reason to continue the proceedings; and it is further,

ORDERED that the period from July 17, 2010 through September 17, 2010 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974 (as amended October 12, 1984), pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161.

Hon, Dennis M. Cavanaugh United States District Judge

I hereby consent to the form and entry

of this Order:

Anthony Iacullo, Esq.

Attorney for Defendant